

# THE SENTINEL

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## GAMBLING AT THE FAIR.

We have a few plain words to say against the Roulette, Tables and Wheel Games where boys and men were robbed of their money.

It would be an tedious undertaking as well as unsatisfactory and unconvincing to those who play these games should we attempt to give the moral and religious arguments against them.

We do not believe in the moralizing theory of the old moralist, Dr. Johnson, who justified or palliated Goldsmith's high placing at cards by likening it to trading in dry goods from other countries.

It is a fact that the roulette wheel sold a pocket book to the highest bidder for the ordinary transactions of trade were but a species of gambling. The retail merchant who buys coffee, sugar or cotton, simply buys that he will sell it at 10 1/2, 15 or 20 cents. If he does, he wins; if he sells at less than 10 cents he loses." He (Dr. J.) justified Goldsmith's winning the money of others by saying "they had played to win his, therefore there was neither fraud nor cheat in the transaction, but a triumph of skill and ability over dullness and simplicity. The winner is not a swindler, but the loser is a simpleton."

Such is our recollection of the Doctor's theory after a lapse of twenty years since first reading it. We are not among those who are shocked at a game of "whist," "draw bluff" or even a game of "ace," when it is played by full grown men on both sides; but when men play against clerks, minors, and even boys under 18 years of age, even Dr. Johnson could find no apology for it, and would condemn it as fraud, trick and swindling.

The Roulette and Wheel Games that were licensed by the Executive Committee of the State Fair, gave little or no chance for the betters against the game to win. No man who had experience in games of chance would risk his money unless he was drunk or desperate, thinking for a game.

If the Executive Committee will license and tolerate gambling at the Fair, let it be a game where boys have, not a fair chance, some show for their money! We know that men under the influence of whiskey lost money at the Fair Grounds which they would not have lost were sober. This even Dr. Johnson could stand because they were men; but boys under thirteen years of age who never gamble before lost their money also. Their parents did not expect Roulette or Wheel Games for swindling, to be a part of the entertainment at the Fair. From the first to the last we have taken great interest in Agricultural State Fairs. They are intended as Farmer's Festivals, and we would have every man, woman and child who was present retain a happy, joyous recollection of the last fair, and a high hope that the next one will surpass it. In every state and stage of society and government, the weak and innocent must be protected against the vicious and the strong. The old people of Raleigh use to tell us how fond was Peter Brown of saying one-half of this world was hawks, and the other pigeons to be preyed upon. It is not wicked and criminal, it is certainly mean in the Managers of an Agricultural Festival to collect fives or twenty thousand pigeons in a cote, and then turn loose 500, or 100, or one hawk to pluck and devour them.

We call upon Jas. Alston, Richard Smith and John Long who are of authority in the coming Fair at Winston, and upon Col. Fremont, Col. Wm. Saunders and Hon. Gen. Davis who are of authority in the Fair at Wilmington, and upon Gen. Hill, Dr. Graham, Capt. Brye and Col. Dan Jones who are of authority in the Fair at Charlotte, to see to it that roulette or games of chance are not allowed on the fair grounds. We would secude persons to boxes. We call upon mothers very where not to go, or allow their children to go to a Fair where games of chance are tolerated, much less licensed. The men can stop it or make the gambling fair or equal; if they will not, the mothers can stop the Fair by withdrawing themselves and children from them; when they find that gambling tables have been allowed;

We have authorized to announce James W. Dickey, of Fayetteville, a candidate for Doorkeeper of the Senate.

I RECENTLY TALKED WITH ARNONKEE, M. S., a candidate for Assistant Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives. I am informed he is to be nominated to the members from 1-30 up to the 1st cut off. ALBERT B. WILLIAMS, a member of the 1st cut off.

THE TAX PAYERS, ad.

I have received the tax books and am ready to receive the use of Wake county for the year 1874 for my deputy. I am a member of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wake. A. HAYGOOD, Tax Collector.

EDWARD TURNER, ad.

We are requested to announce that Tippo Alston, son of Chatham, is a candidate for Assistant Doorkeeper of the Senate.

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